

## ***Carrboro Arts Committee Minutes 1-11-16***

Time: 6:00pm Location: Century Center Conference Room 1

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Members Present: Art Menius, Dan Mayer, , Christine Abernathy, Rah Trost, Jacquelyn Gist, Mary Norkus, Will McInerney, Eve Weber, Dan Cefalo, Beven Ramsey

Members Absent: Jacqueline Marx, Jay Parker,

Meeting Facilitator: Beven Ramsey

Invitees: Guest attendee. Greg Andeck.

### **Agenda Items**

- Approval December 2015 meeting minutes-Approved.
- Employee Art Show- Dates March and April-Approved.
- Current member's terms expire February. Jaqueline Marx term expires in February. She will not renew her membership on the committee. Mary Norkus renewed her membership. Her term will end February 2019. The Chair and Vice chair positions will expire the end of February. An new Chair and Vice Chair will need to be nominated at February meeting.
- Curator for Town Hall gallery – The committee approved the curator duties for Town Hall for a period of one year starting in April. Heather Gerni from the Art Center will be offered the curator post. Rah will follow up with her to discuss details. A fee of \$1000 will be paid to Heather for her services. She will select the artists, assist and coordinate the hanging of the art and monitor throughout the year the progress of the show.
- Update Arts Center-Dan Mayer- Told the committee of the cross marketing efforts that the Shimmer event is doing in conjunction with the Artscenter and other local organizations. He mentioned that Booker T was coming to do a show, that the Ten by Ten script festival had over 500 entries and that the new Artscenter brochure was out.
- Other business. Poet Laureate response to offer of Art Committee to recognize Poet Laureates work, present and future. Celisa Steele responded in an e-mail that Rah shared with the committee. Points she made were:

While I very much appreciate the offer and am thankful for the committee's recognition of the work I've done as poet laureate, I think publication/printing isn't the best way for the committee to recognize the poet laureate. My thought--and, again, I was thinking of future poet laureates, not myself--is to do something to attach a

figurative laurel to the position. I also think it's important that the laurel be easy all around--easy for the Arts Committee, easy for the poet. A small cash honorarium would be easy.

I also had another idea since I originally raised the issue. The Arts Committee could have a poem by the poet laureate printed on posters and placed in the Chapel Hill Transit buses (or another public venue). That would have the advantage of both recognizing the poet laureate and getting poetry out where people who don't usually seek it out could see it. That means that for approximately \$450 the Arts Committee could have the poet laureate's poem up in all the buses for a time. Just an idea of something that would get the poet laureate and poetry in general some exposure without exorbitant expense and without requiring much time or effort on the part of the committee or the poet.

The art committee approved the honorarium for the poet laureate and the bus cards. The amount of the honorarium will be discussed at the February meeting. The PSA for poet laureate search will reflect this addition of an honorarium.

Mr. Greg Andeck attended the meeting as a citizen to inquire about the prospect of putting art in the newly constructed traffic circle on Greensboro Road. The committee told him that NCDOT owned that property. It was suggested that he write up his ideas on what he would like to see happen with art in that area near or in the traffic circle and then bring them to the art committee so they can review them. After review they could be presented to the BOA for review. The process would then have to be initiated with NCDOT to see if a project could be completed. Mr. Andeck said he would be back in touch. Dan Cefalo said he would get contact information from Jeff York in Chapel Hill and pass that on to Rah which he did.

Art Menuis reported that WCOM radio show A Time Out with Bill Hendrickson was interviewing various Town of Carrboro department heads.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 pm